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## (54) METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THICKENER AND COSMETIC

## (57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a new-type thickener giving no sticking feeling nor squeaky feeling, having excellent handleability, free from causing viscosity loss even in the case where it is highly compounded with a water-soluble drug component or slat, and stale for a long period so that a phenomenon such as water separation does not occur.

SOLUTION: A method for manufacturing the thickener by dissolving a hydrophilic compound having gelling ability, or a hydrophilic compound having gelling ability and a thickening compound having no gelling ability in water or an aqueous component, subsequently leaving the resulting solution for cooling to form gel, and then pulverizing the gel into microgel having an average particle size of 0.1-1,000 µm to prepare the thickener. The thickener obtained by the method, and a cosmetic containing the thickener.